

Chatham Township Environmental Commission
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Minutes of May 9, 2005 CTC Meeting

The meeting of the Chatham Township Environmental Commission convened at 7:45 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2005 at the Township Municipal Building. In attendance were CTEC members K. Abbott, D. Bibona, L. Caprioglio, S. Hoag, D. Stillinger, K. Tubbs, and L. Tavigian.

CTEC's Purpose (NJ40:56A, 1968): to undertake projects and make recommendations concerning the protection or use of natural resources, including water resources, located within or directly affecting Chatham Township.

Open Public Meetings Act Statement – The meeting schedule for 2005 was published in the Chatham Courier and Daily Record newspapers and posted on the main bulletin board at the Township municipal building. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings and participate in projects.

Minutes

Ms. Hoag moved to accept the minutes from the April 11, 2005 meeting and Mr. Caprioglio seconded, with all in favor.

Remarks

Grant of \$150 was received from the Garden Club of Somerset Hills for an inventory of plants on the riverside cleanup tract and for recommendations for habitat improvement. (Report to be emailed to committee members. Thank you note with report to be mailed to Garden Club.)

Events

May 12, 2005, Morris County Green Table, noon, Frelinghuysen Arboretum. Topic is deer and geese management. (leave up to twp. Committee to monitor)

Actions

Give a big hand to Board of Adjustment member and former CTEC member Teri Hough for spearheading the very successful Electronics Recycling Days, Saturday April 30 and Saturday May 7. A total of two dumpsters were filled to overflowing with 173 cars dropping off items. Key Club members Melissa Villars, Glen Carlsson, Scott Belfiore and Kathryn Hough volunteered their services along with student Max Stelzer, Jack Hartford, Nicole Hagner and members of CTEC. Jay McGroarty of the DPW was extraordinarily helpful. The material contributes to the township's recycling tonnage which last year brought in over \$7,000 for the township.

Sue Hoag obtained and distributed NJ Environmental Primer to CTEC members. Ms. Hoag will also distribute to Twp committee, Planning Bd., Open Space, Zoning Bd., Tree Protection, and Construction Office. CTEC members found it to be resourceful.

Committee reviewed recommended revisions for current Tree Protection Ordinance (revisions attached to May agenda). All agreed that there should be a person/position (certified tree expert) to oversee that ordinance is complied with.

Ms. Abbott attended the Millburn EC meeting which including speaker Mr. Grey Russell from Montclair on May 2. Discussed many environmental resources including but not limited to LED street lights, vehicles including B20 bio diesel fuel trucks. Ms. Abbott will check with DOT/freeholder for information on street lights.

Ms. Abbott will check into and advise on Tapestry project. At this time no information to report.

Open Space Committee is in the process of evaluating various Township owned properties with conservation easements.

ANJEC stormwater display at Chatham Twp library will take place in June, L. Tavgian will write up press release.

Committee to continue discussing two remaining projects for 2005. CTEC members to bring in information at June meeting for pesticide free ordinance.

Reports

Planning Board - Mr. Caprioglio reported Shoprite parking lot repaving - decrease coverage.

Peapack-Gladstone Bank to be approved - agreed to extra coverage,

Mail

(received mail including newsletters, etc. on top of filing cabinet in meeting room)

3/16/05 minutes from Chatham Borough EC & Long Hill Twp EC.

LOI application Bl. 63 Lot 15 - wetland boundaries

Notice of Chatham Twp. intent to install sewers for 38 homes on Johnson Dr.

Letters on Woodland Park.

ESRI free distribution of CTEC to ArcView 9.1.

Other Business

Pictures taken by Davis Bibona of the Riverside cleanup to be put on town website.

The meeting of the CTEC Commission was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Scannelli/Secretary